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For: INSPECTION METHOD,)
PROCESSOR AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Search Report from the Netherlands Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English patent document, the Search Report citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Search Report.

Applicant has also included an English language abstract of the non-English patent document.

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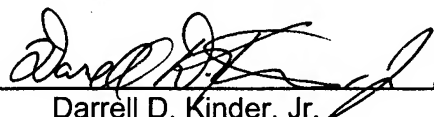
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Respectfully submitted,

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